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2017 Governor's Public Health Conference Registration is Now Open

2017 KANSAS GOVERNOR'S
PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

*by the Local Public Health Program,
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*

The 2017 Governor's Public Health Conference will open with the pre-conference sessions April 25 and general conference sessions April 26-27 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan. The Family Health and the Public Health Pre-conference sessions will feature a joint keynote presentation from Dr. Jay Butler, chief medical officer for the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and director of the Division of Public Health. He is the current president of the Association of State and Territorial Officials (ASTHO) and will speak on the 2017 ASTHO President's Challenge - Public Health Approaches to Preventing Substance Misuse and Addictions. The Family Health Preconference session will also feature sessions on engaging with families and consumers, addressing the developmental needs of children, program updates, community collaboration and Bright Futures. The Public Health preconference session will feature sessions on Public Health 3.0 including an interactive session led by Wichita State University's Center for Public Health Initiatives, a workshop led by Dr. Butler and more. In addition, the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (KADEC) will host an all-day pre-conference session. Topics will include current drug trends, how to identify children living in drug environments and adverse childhood experiences. The Public Health and Family Health Pre-Conferences are being offered at a reduced rate through the funding support of the Public Health Learning Network and the Midwestern Public Health Training Center.

The two day general conference will feature state and nationally recognized keynote speakers including an opening keynote from the University of Denver's Corey Ciocchetti, JD; collaborating on large scale outbreak investigations with Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Johnson County Department of Health and Environment; trauma informed systems of care with Dr. Tiffany Anderson of Topeka Public Schools; and a keynote by Emily Holubowich on demonstrating the value of public health. Additionally, a variety of breakout sessions tailored to meet the changing needs of the populations served through public health programs and initiatives will be offered.

The Family Health breakout sessions will address safe sleep, home visiting practices, reproductive life plans, KAN Be Healthy, home visitor safety and more. The Public Health breakout sessions will include topics such as community involvement in emergency preparedness, health action plans, environmental health issues, responding to infectious disease outbreaks, built environment, antibiotic resistance and more. The conference will also include café sessions which offer participants an opportunity to participate in a range of focused topics including Early Detection Works, summer food service program, e-cigarettes, Diabetes Prevention Program, Long Acting Reversible contraceptives and more in a roundtable setting.

Registration for the 2017 Kansas Governor's Public Health Conference is through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, Course ID#1069186. The conference brochure is available by clicking [here](#).

Celebrate Public Health With National Public Health Week 2017 - April 3 - 9

by American Public Health Association

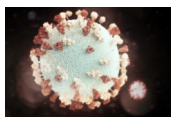


Join the American Public Health Association (APHA) in celebrating public health through participating in National Public Health Week (NPHW). This year's campaign will take place April 3 - 9 and is themed "Healthiest Nation 2030". NPHW will celebrate public health efforts towards achieving APHA's goal to make the U.S. the healthiest nation in one generation. [Visit the website](#) to view this year's brochure and sign up for updates. Follow APHA on [Twitter](#) for the latest news and [register](#) to join the #NPHWChat on April 5 at 1 p.m. APHA invites you to join the movement through five key steps:

- [Become a partner](#) - Show your support for public health and prevention.
- [Submit an event](#) - Add your NPHW event to the hundreds of celebrations nationwide. Affiliates are encouraged to collaborate on activities.
- [Take action](#) - Take one small step each day for a healthier life.
- [Attend an event](#) - Join your community to celebrate NPHW.
- [Step it up](#) - Join the 1 Billion Steps Challenge.

Confirmed Cases of Mumps in Kansas

by Kansas Department of Health and Environment



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) along with the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, the Crawford County Health Department, the Thomas County Health Department and the Riley County Health Department are investigating outbreaks of mumps. There have been 14 cases of mumps in Douglas County, thirteen cases in Crawford County, five cases in Riley County, one case in Ellis County, one case in Barton County, three cases in Finney County and five cases in Thomas County.

KDHE is investigating whether additional persons were potentially exposed to mumps at wrestling meets in Kansas. KDHE identified two individuals who were infected with mumps after attending wrestling meets in January and February. One of these individuals may have been contagious while participating in a wrestling meet at Colby High School in early February. A letter has been sent to the Kansas State High School Activities Association warning of this potential exposure; a copy of the letter is available [here](#).

Large outbreaks of mumps have occurred in many states this year, and outbreaks are ongoing in the nearby states of Arkansas (approximately 2,700 cases) and Missouri (approximately 370 cases, most associated with the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri). Many individuals have been infected despite being immunized with two doses of Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine. Outbreaks can still occur in highly vaccinated communities, particularly in close-contact settings.

Health care providers across Kansas should be vigilant in identifying, testing, and reporting patients with suspected mumps, especially those epidemiologically linked to the University of Kansas; Pittsburg, KS; Kansas State University; the University of Missouri; or Northwest Arkansas. Health care providers should report all persons with suspected mumps to KDHE's epidemiology hotline at 877-427-7317 within 4 hours, prior to receipt of laboratory results, to be in compliance with Kansas reporting regulations. Timely reporting will allow the collection of specimens for confirmatory testing at the KDHE laboratory and will enable prevention and control measures to be implemented. For more information on mumps, please see KDHE's Disease Investigation Guidelines for [mumps](#) or the CDC's [website](#). Additional information about mumps in Kansas and surrounding areas as well as general information about mumps is available in [this document](#).

Regional Public Health Meetings

*by Teri Caudle, RN, PHN, Local Public Health Program
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



The 2017 regional public health meetings are designed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. The agenda for the first quarter includes a variety of topics: Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program and Bureau of Family Health (BFH) Updates, Dave Thomason, Deputy Director, BFH; More Choices, More Progress, a presentation from the WSU Community Engagement Institute Staff; and Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative with Catholic Charities. Register on [KS-TRAIN](#), Course ID#1068038.

The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- North Central Region, Beloit, March 1
- Northeast Region, Topeka, March 14

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics please contact Teri Caudle at teri.caudle@ks.gov

Ryan Lester Joins KDHE as New Director of the Bureau of Health Promotion



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) would like to introduce Ryan Lester as the new Director for the Bureau of Health Promotion. Ryan holds a Masters of Public Health and has been working in public and environmental health for the past nine years. He joins KDHE with a wealth of experience in a variety of public and environmental health areas including community health assessments, public health accreditation, quality improvement, community engagement, environmental inspections, community outreach and public messaging. Ryan also has previous experience with the Kansas public health system through his past work experience at the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment and as a student in public and environmental health programs at the University of Kansas. He comes to KDHE most recently from the City of Independence Health Department where he served as the Environmental Public Health Supervisor before being promoted to the Pollution Prevention Specialist. As a part of his duties at the City Independence Health Department, Ryan was responsible for developing departmental policies and standard operating procedures, conducting community engagement activities, overseeing public health programs and grants, collaborating with key partners to develop and implement projects, managing public outreach, messaging programs and public education. Prior to this, Ryan was an Environmental Health Specialist with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment.

E-Cigarette Use Among Young People Threatens Public Health

by The Nation's Health



Electronic cigarettes pose a significant risk to youth and young adults, according to a new surgeon general's report that recommends actions to protect their health. According to the recent report, e-cigarette use among young people in the United States increased 900 percent from 2011 to 2015.

The report details the risks and trends around e-cigarettes, which are now more popular among young people than cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco or hookah pipes. Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine which the report notes can cause addiction and harm developing brains. The report also outlines what is unknown about e-cigarettes, noting gaps in scientific evidence.

Matthew Myers, JD, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, noted that the report confirmed that it is no coincidence that e-cigarettes are popular among children and young adults. E-cigarette vapor is often marketed with sweet flavors - a leading reason for using them, according to youth surveyed in multiple studies. The surgeon general's report also pointed to e-cigarette marketing themes, such as sex and customer satisfaction, as being the same that were used to market conventional cigarettes to young people.

The report calls on health supporters to:

- do no harm, by including e-cigarettes in policies, based in evidence-based messaging, that will reduce risks;
- provide information about e-cigarette dangers among young people;
- continue to regulate e-cigarettes at the federal level;
- promote programs and policies at the state and local levels to prevent young people from using e-cigarettes;
- curb advertising for e-cigarettes directed at young people; and
- expand surveillance, research and evaluation related to e-cigarettes.

The American Public Health Association (APHA) has free resources [online](#) health workers can use to fight tobacco use at the national and local levels. To read the [full article](#) from The Nation's Health, a publication of APHA, visit the newspaper online. The surgeon general's report can be found [online](#).

KDHE Welcomes Hanford Lin

by KDHE



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) welcomes Hanford Lin as the Acting Deputy Secretary of KDHE. He will be joining KDHE on a temporary basis for the next few months as the Acting Deputy Secretary to extend the Medicaid operations capacity. He is a director with Navigant Consulting and brings more than 20 years of experience in working with Medicaid and in commercial insurance.

New TRAIN 3.0 Platform Goes Live

by Public Health Foundation



The Public Health Foundation (PHF) TRAIN team conducted a webinar on January 26 to introduce the new TRAIN 3.0 platform to the network of learners, course providers, affiliates and partners using TRAIN as their learning management system. The archived webinar, [The Evolution of Public Health Learning: Introducing the New TRAIN Learning Network Platform Webinar](#), Course ID# 1068667 is now available for viewing.

TRAIN 3.0 went live on January 30 for users at the national level and for CDC TRAIN. KS-TRAIN will go live to the new platform this fall. To test the new look of TRAIN go to www.train.org, there are new features still being enhanced such as the calendar, training plans and conferences. These changes will be available before Kansas goes live this fall.

The TRAIN 3.0 webinar demonstrated new features available, including:

- Mobile-friendly access, allowing learners to use TRAIN on a variety of devices
- Modern design that is easy to navigate
- Simplified account creation
- Improved advanced course search
- Streamlined learning record management, including transcripts and certificates.
- Increased support, including video tutorials and easy-to-understand documentation

New Preparedness Resource - Ready Reader

by KDHE Preparedness Program

READY READER

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Preparedness Program has developed the Ready Reader, a newsletter to assist health and medical providers implement activities to improve preparedness efforts and aid in meeting Emergency Preparedness Conditions of Participation (CoP), the new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations. A [recent edition](#) focuses on emergency preparedness requirements for dialysis centers. Previous editions of the Ready Reader are available for download [online](#).

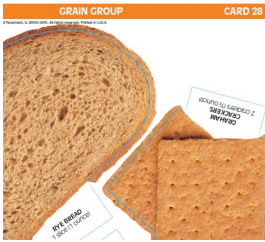
Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. The next webinar will be March 28. To view minutes from the monthly calls, click the KDHE logo.

Resource: Paper Food Models

by Midwest Dairy Council

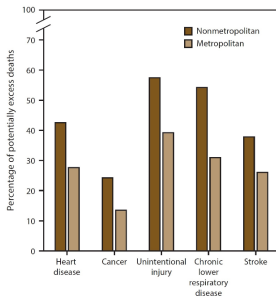


Food Models are an ideal teaching tool produced by National Dairy Council. A long-time favorite for teaching nutrition basics, Food Models are a must have nutrition education tool. Use them for all ages - preschool through adult. These life-size photographs of 200 commonly-eaten foods include Nutrition Facts labels on the reverse side. Now you can download the original Food Models. Simply print 2-sided copies on card stock, cut out and laminate. The different food groups are available below:

- Grain Food Group
- Fruit Food Group
- Other Foods
- Vegetable Food Group
- Dairy Food Group
- Meat Food Group
- Combination Foods

Rural Americans Are At A Greater Risk Of Death From Five Leading Causes Than Are Urban American

by the Washington Post and CDC



Rural Americans are **more likely to die** from heart disease, cancer and the three other leading causes of death than their urban counterparts, according to a new **study** from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The top five causes of death - heart disease, cancer, unintentional injury, chronic lower respiratory disease and stroke - accounted for 1.6 million deaths, or about 62 percent of all deaths in the United States in 2014. Among **rural Americans**, more than 70,000 of the deaths were potentially preventable, the study found, including 25,000 from heart disease and 19,000 from cancer. About 15 percent of the U.S. population lives in rural areas. These 46 million people tend to be older, poorer and sicker than urban Americans, with higher rates of cigarettes smoking, high blood pressure and obesity and with lower rates of physical activity. They also don't use seat belts as often. They typically have less access to health

care and are less likely to have health insurance.

In its previous research, the CDC identified that a substantial proportion of deaths in each of the five categories could have been prevented. Data from the latest report has a key finding - more premature deaths in rural areas. Reflecting on the report, CDC Director Tom Frieden stated, "There is a striking gap in health between rural and urban Americans."

In the **report**, *Reducing Excess Deaths from the Five Leading Causes of Death in the Rural United States*, the CDC notes that although rural communities are at a higher risk for death from the five leading causes of death, funding to address risk factors is allocated on a population basis, often resulting in underfunded rural programs. Additionally, the report concludes that focusing on access to health care alone is not sufficient to address complex health outcomes, including mortality among rural populations. Read the full news story [here](#), the complete CDC report [here](#), or download the CDC PDF [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 18-19, 2017

LOCATION:
University of Kansas (KU)
Edwards Campus
12600 S. Quivira Rd
Overland Park, KS 66213

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Holiday Inn Express & Suites
7580 W. 135th St
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Agenda coming soon!









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PHAB Releases Reaccreditation Standards & Measures



The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has released the [Guide to National Public Health Department Reaccreditation Process and Requirements](#). The Guide includes the official requirements and process for the reaccreditation of public health departments. The Guide pertains to accredited health departments that submitted their application for initial accreditation on or before June 30, 2016.

PHAB reaccreditation builds on initial accreditation, but it is very different. Both the requirements and the process for reaccreditation have been designed to ensure that accredited health departments continue to evolve, improve, and advance, thereby becoming increasingly effective at improving the health of the population they serve.

The [Guide to National Public Health Department Reaccreditation: Process and Requirements](#) contains the following:

- Description of the reaccreditation process: The process for a health department to be reaccredited is similar to initial accreditation but it is more efficient with shorter timeframes and a virtual site visit. It will continue to be a peer-reviewed process. Like the process for initial accreditation, it was designed to encourage ongoing quality improvement.
- The new Reaccreditation Standards and Measures: The Standards and Measures for reaccreditation move away from demonstrating that the health department has capacities and instead focuses on the use of those capacities, accountability and continuous quality improvement.
- Description of the Population Health Outcomes Reporting requirement: The purpose of this requirement is for PHAB to begin to establish a national database of selected health outcomes and their associated objectives that accredited health departments have chosen to monitor. The Guide explains the purpose and process for the mandatory Population Health Outcomes Reporting.

Similar to the Initial Accreditation fee structure that went into effect on July 1, 2016, the reaccreditation fees will have a Reaccreditation Review Fee for the first year and then an ongoing Annual Accreditation Services Fee for each year thereafter. For future reaccreditation cycles, the health department will not pay an additional Reaccreditation Review Fee, as its cost will be included in the Annual Accreditation Services Fee. More information on the fees and what they cover can be found at [online](#).

Academic Health Department Learning Community Meeting - New River Academic Health Department



The [Academic Health Department \(AHD\) Learning Community](#) will hold a virtual meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 12 - 1:00 p.m. During the meeting, AHD Learning Community member Sophie Wenzel, MPH, will speak about the [New River Academic Health Department](#), which is a partnership of the New River Health District and Virginia Tech's Department of Population Health Sciences. Ms. Wenzel will discuss topics such as development of the AHD, the AHD Coordinator position, workforce development activities and [Council on Education for Public Health](#) accreditation, funding, student involvement and joint research projects. AHD Learning Community meetings are open to all who are interested, and both current and prospective Learning Community members are welcome to attend. Registration is required, please [click here](#) to register. Instructions for accessing the meeting will be provided upon registration. For more information, please contact Janelle Nichols at jnichols@phf.org.

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APRIL 25-27, 2017

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OR VISIT WWW.WICHITA.EDU/CONFERENCES/PUBLICHEALTH

Funding Opportunities


Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars - Deadline March 8

 The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is accepting applications for the Clinical Scholars program. This program prepares and supports small teams of clinicians, from a range of disciplines, to lead transformative change in their communities. Clinical Scholars is a leadership development opportunity for practitioners from diverse fields of health care to partner across sectors to tackle complex health problems in their communities and build a Culture of Health nationwide. Over the course of the three-year program, teams will:

- Receive an annual fellowship of \$35,000 per fellow - which can be used to cover salary, program costs, expenses for other team members and more - for three consecutive years.
- Design and implement a real-world project.
- Develop high-level leadership skills through professional coaching, networking and an advanced leadership curriculum, including seven in-person leadership sessions reinforced by distance-based learning using interactive technology.
- Continue working in their home communities and applying new learnings in real time.
- Network and become part of a national group of leaders spanning clinical specialties, thematic areas of interest and regions.
- Receive high-touch mentoring and executive coaching from national leaders in clinical practice, health equity, public policy and advocacy.
- Present the results of their project in several settings, including a TED-style talk.

More information about the program, application requirements and the [application process](#) is available [online](#). All applications must be submitted by March 8.

USDA Local Food Promotion Program - Deadline March 27

 The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is requesting applications for the Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP). LFPP's purpose is to increase domestic consumption of and access to locally and regionally produced agricultural products and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of local and regional food businesses (including those that are not direct producer-to-consumer markets) that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products.

Eligible applicants include local governments, regional farmers' markets authorities, agricultural businesses, agricultural cooperatives, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks, CSA associations, economic development corporations, nonprofit corporations, producer networks, producer associations, public benefit corporations and Tribal governments. LFPP planning grant awards range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. LFPP implementation grant awards range from \$100,000 to \$500,000. An applicant is limited to one LFPP award in a funding year. LFPP funding will be available for use beginning September 30, 2017. Applicants are required to have a 25 percent cash or in-kind funding match. The application package includes a number of requirements and those interested in applying are encouraged to begin the application process early. Further information about this funding opportunity and the application requirements is available in the [Request for Applications](#).

Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing Grants Available - Deadline March 31



The Center for Sharing Public Health Services is offering up to five small grants to organizations that wish to explore, plan, implement or improve some aspects of cross-jurisdictional sharing (CJS) in public health. The opportunity is available for public health agencies, organizations representing policymakers with the authority to enter into CJS agreements or their designated agents. Proposals must fall into one of two categories:

- Proposals focused on the implementation of a specific CJS arrangement among multiple jurisdictions
- Proposals that are not linked to a specific CJS arrangement but otherwise contribute to the achievement of the Center's goals, which are described within the [call for proposals](#).

Eligible applicants focused on the implementation of a specific CJS arrangement must include a minimum of three jurisdictions of any size, or two jurisdictions if the combined population is 50,000 or greater. The jurisdictional size limit does not apply if the arrangement includes at least one tribe, includes a state health department or is between two frontier counties.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis from January 2 until March 31, or until all five small grants are awarded, whichever comes first. Awards will be up to \$10,000 for a project period of six months. More information about this opportunity is available on the Center for Sharing Public Health Services' [website](#).

Dairy Nutrition Education Mini Grant Opportunity - Deadline April 1



Healthy eating is important for all families. Midwest Dairy Council is excited to offer \$200 dairy nutrition education mini grants for RDNs, school nutrition professionals, chefs, dietetic interns, or university extension nutritionists. The mini grant is intended to help educate families utilizing emergency food assistance about how to incorporate dairy foods into a healthy well balanced meal or snack to boost nutrition. The mini grant award of \$200 will be used to educate clients and families in a food pantry and WIC setting, by providing nutrition education and conducting a food demonstration preparing a low cost, minimal ingredient recipe which includes dairy as an ingredient. The presentation will be completed between June 1 and September 30. Applicants must reside in one of the following states to be eligible: Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota. Thirty-six mini grants are available. [Click here](#) to learn more, apply, and make a difference in your local community. Applications are due April 1.

Prevention of Opioid Misuse in Women - Deadline April 7



The United States Department of Health and Human Services is seeking applications from public and private nonprofit entities to address the primary and/or secondary prevention of prescription and non-prescription opioid misuse by women across the lifespan by identifying underserved audiences and the potential gaps in the ability to reach these populations. As background and for consideration, two such underserved populations are adolescent girls and women age 50 and older. By the time an adolescent girl reaches legal age, she has already had many opportunities to experiment and develop a substance use disorder to prescription or non-prescription opioids. Girls at this age are using harmful substances at a rate equal to and surpassing boys at this stage. Data from the 2014 and 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, show that girls, age 12 to 17, consistently used prescription and psychotherapeutics more than boys in the same age group. Older women are often overlooked as a target population by their health care providers because they often do not fit the stereotype of a misuser. But, older women are more prone to chronic pain, can have multiple health care providers for multiple chronic conditions, lack coordinated care, and have greater access to prescription drugs. Additionally, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, as of 2014, increased medication sensitivity, and slower metabolism and elimination coupled with cognitive decline can lead to improper use of medications. This makes this audience vulnerable targets for opioid misuse.

Eligibility requirements are outlined in the application. Any public or private nonprofit entity is eligible to apply including state governments, county governments, city governments, higher education institutions, and more. A successful applicant will have at least three partnerships included in the application, including at least one long-term partner. Long-term partnerships are defined as existing for three to five years prior to the application. Letters of support from community partners are required to demonstrate the applicant's ability to accomplish goals and objectives.

Proposals may address one of the following:

- Development and evaluation of an activity or series of activities followed by piloting and implementation
- Development and piloting of a tool (tangible, electronic or social media-based), decision aid, or other format that is required by the target community
- Development, further refinement, or wider awareness and adaptation of a health policy with measurement or impact.

Whether a prevention strategy, activity, tool, decision aid, or other format, all end products must be evidence-based, patient-centered, and encourage communication between women and health professionals that will advance shared decision making around primary or secondary prevention. Applicants are encouraged to make end product materials, programs or strategies available without cost to users. Interested applicants can view the [full application online](#).

Delta Dental of Kansas Grant Opportunity - Smile Kit Program



Delta Dental of Kansas offers a year-round grant opportunity through the Smile Kit Program. Through this program, Smile Kits are provided for Kansas-based programs and projects that include an oral health education or outreach component. A Smile Kit includes one toothbrush, one travel-sized toothpaste, one floss and one bag to hold contents.

Smile Kits may be requested once per calendar year by eligible organizations. To be eligible for consideration, an organization must meet one of the following:

- Public charity with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code
- Public or governmental entity such as a school or health department
- Tribal organization with 7871 tax-exempt status
- Churches and for-profit entities may apply if they're conducting a program or project that includes oral health education or outreach.

Requests for Smile Kits must be submitted a minimum of four weeks before the kits are needed. More information about this opportunity is available [online](#). Questions about the program can be directed to Delta Dental of Kansas' Community Benefit department at 316-462-3372 or corpcomm@deltadentalks.com.

Community Dental Health Grants - Deadline April 14



Community-based oral health programs in Kansas are encouraged to apply for grants up to \$150,000 for programs designed to improve oral health. Special consideration will be given to applicants whose programs focus on improving the oral health of low-income children and senior citizens; however, all grant submissions will be considered. Community Dental Health Grants will be provided for new initiatives, new components of existing programs, start-up funding or one-time events that will include one or more of the following grant criteria:

- Prevention and education
- Significant and/or large impact
- Sustainable, innovative solutions

The deadline for applications is April 14. In order to apply, applicants must first review the [grant guidelines](#) for instructions and information on submitting the full [grant application](#).

Grants are limited to projects related to the advancement of oral health. Grant applications should be for one year projects. Multi-year projects will not be considered. Examples of allowed projects:

- Dental supplies for charitable purposes
- Dental education materials
- Xylitol and fluoride products

Funding will not be provided for any administrative costs or individual treatment costs; additional projects or costs that are ineligible for funding are outlined in the [grant guidelines](#). To be eligible for funding consideration, an organization must be a:

- Public charity with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Public or governmental entity such as a school or health district, or
- Tribal organization with 7871 tax-exempt status

Three different levels of grants are available: small grants for up to \$15,000; medium grants of \$15,001 to \$35,000; and large grants of \$35,001 to \$150,000. Contact Delta Dental of Kansas' Community Benefit Department with questions at 316-462-3372 or corpcomm@deltadentalks.com.

Kansas Health Foundation - Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative



The Kansas Health Foundation is now receiving proposals for the Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative. This funding opportunity replaces the previously existing Recognition Grant Program and is designed to make funds available to a range of mission-aligned organizations actively working to reduce health disparities and promote health equity. The Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative is focused on two categories - impact grants which work in key health impact areas or capacity-building grants to build nonprofit capacity to address health disparities. This is an open application process with applications accepted through September 15, 2017, or until all 2017 funds are awarded.

All prospective applicants should carefully review the mission and strategic focus of Kansas Health Foundation (KHF), as well as the funding criteria, before applying; this information is available in the [request for proposals](#) (RFP). All funding proposals are required to be align with the mission of KHF, such as work supporting KHF's five impact areas of:

- Increasing access to health care;
- Decreasing tobacco use;
- Increasing physical activity;
- Increasing healthy food access; and
- Improving civic health.

As it relates to proposals for the impact grants, preference is given to proposals describing a health policy, systems or environmental-focused effort which demonstrates the opportunity to address health disparities in one or more of KHF's five impact areas which adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health. Available funding is designated to support new efforts and may not be used for long-term, ongoing or recurring programmatic efforts.

For the capacity building grants, preference will be given to proposals for non-recurring internal capacity building needs for organizations addressing health disparities which adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health based on characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion. This track is open to all mission-aligned organizations actively working to reduce health disparities and promote health equity and is not limited to KHF's five impact areas.

The maximum grant size is \$25,000, and the maximum grant term is two years. In order to be eligible, 50 percent or more of the organization's target population must reside in Kansas. Please note that only one proposal from each organization will be accepted per year. Further information on the funding opportunity, including funding exclusions and criteria for consideration are outlined in the [RFP](#). Additional information about the funding opportunity, including the instructions, templates and the RFP is available [online](#). Please submit any questions regarding the Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative RFP via e-mail, with the subject "Impact and Capacity Grants Question," to Blair Weibert, Program Assistant, at bweibert@khf.org.

Training and Conference Announcements

Webinar - America Walks - The Right to Walk - March 8



America Walks is hosting a webinar on ensuring every individual has the opportunity to walk and be physically active on March 8, 1 p.m. Access to safe, accessible, and enjoyable places to be active leads to healthy individuals, engaged communities, and stronger economies. Walking can be a form of exercise, a way to connect with friends and families, and transportation to get to school, work, and play. Learn how communities and organizations are addressing some of the challenges to walking and physical activity and be inspired with tips for how you can work to make sure walking, biking, and physical activity can be part of the daily lives of every community member. This webinar is intended for those who are just getting started on the walking path as well as anyone interested in learning more about this topic.

Webinar participants will hear from representatives from Salud America, the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, and the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center. Participants will learn how communities are overcoming challenges to make sure all members have the ability to physically active, how organizations and advocates are working to address disparities in communities across the US; and how the meaning of walking is expanding to include the different ways people stay physically active in their daily lives. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Kansas Accreditation Readiness Project's Annual Summit 2017 - March 10



The Kansas Accreditation Readiness Project (KARP) will hold a summit on Friday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Kansas Health Institute in Topeka. The summit will be an opportunity for local health departments to better understand how they may use the accreditation process to develop practices and strategies to become a high performing health department. Participants will learn more about recent updates to the accreditation process, ongoing accreditation work in Kansas and the pre-requisite requirements for accreditation.

All past KARP participants and local health departments are invited to attend. Each agency may bring up to five staff members. Participants must register for the event by Monday, March 6 on KS-TRAIN, Course ID #1068425. Please view [the flyer](#) for more information about the event. Please contact Jessica Fiscus with questions or concerns at 316-978-3790 or Jessica.Fiscus@wichita.edu.

Things That Bite, Sting and Other Summer Related Health Issues Webinar Series - March and April



Kansas University Medical Center Area Health Education Center (AHEC) will be offering a series of webinars throughout 2017 as a part of its Brown Bag Webinar Series. All webinars will be held at 12 - 1 p.m. The second webinar cluster of the 2017 Clinical Series will be the Things That Bite, Sting and Other Summer Related Health Issues Cluster. The webinar sessions will be held on March 7, 14, 21 and 28 and on April 4 and 11. This cluster will focus Registration will be made available for each series. An individual may register to view the cluster on their own as the sole participant for \$50; organizational registration for an unlimited number of participants is \$100. All individuals will receive a continuing education certificate if continuing education is appropriate for that session and their discipline, otherwise the participants will receive a certificate of attendance. Continuing education credit is issued based on a completion of a verification attendance form for each session within the cluster. Other topics within the Clinical Series in 2017 will be the Mental Health Cluster, Geriatrics Cluster, Chronic Disease Management Cluster, Trends and Risky Behaviors of Adolescents and Young Adults Cluster and the Immunotherapies Cluster. For more information on the Brown Bag Webinar Series contact the AHEC Statewide Office at 620-235-4040.

CDC Grand Rounds Upcoming Sessions - 2017



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conducts [monthly webinars](#) on current public health topics. Upcoming learning events include:

- March 21: Emerging Tick-Borne Pathogens
- April 18: National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Registry: Impact, Challenges, and Future Directions

Free [continuing education credit](#) is available for Nurses, Physicians and Health Educators through the [CDC/ATSDR Training and Continuing Education Online system](#).

Kansas Accreditation Readiness Project's Webinars Domains 1 - 12



The Center for Public Health Initiatives at Wichita State University has developed 12 extremely short webinars, only ten minutes each, to review each domain of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) standards and measures. These could be helpful as an orientation to public health for new staff or students.

To view these webinars, please visit [KS-TRAIN](#) or see them from the new Community Engagement Institute [webpage](#).

National Ebola Training & Education Center's Emerging Infectious Disease Preparedness Training - March 21 & 22



The [National Ebola Training & Education Center](#) (NETEC) is hosting a [training](#) in Omaha for public health professionals and healthcare workers on preparedness skills for emerging infectious diseases on March 21 - 22. NETEC is comprised of faculty and staff from Emory University, the University of Nebraska Medical Center/Nebraska Medicine and the New York City Health and Hospitals, Bellevue. All three of these healthcare institutions have safely and successfully treated patients with Ebola and have worked diligently over the past two years to share their knowledge with other healthcare facilities and public health jurisdictions. They will bring this expertise to the two-day training.

The [training](#) will provide information and tools on the many aspects of managing and maintaining readiness of facilities responsible for assessing or treating patients with an emerging infectious disease. This includes an overview of various pathogens of concern, standard operating procedures for such pathogens, leadership skills for sustaining readiness, state and regional CONOPS planning, exercise development, a train the trainer program for personal protective equipment (PPE) and a simulation of clinical care skills in PPE.

The two-day training will include breakout sessions. Attendees must choose their breakout sessions during registration. The clinical track will include simulation skills stations where participants will remain in their PPE for up to 4 hours. NETEC request attendees travel with their facility-specific PPE to ensure the skills are practiced with their own equipment and PPE protocols. All attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops and electronic devices.

- Day 1 Breakout: Attendees may choose either the Clinical Track or the Leadership Track. Only 32 participants may register for the Clinical Track and they will stay in the breakout for 4 hours. Running concurrently is the Leadership Track, where participants will attend 2-two hour sessions. The first session will focus on easy tools and strategies to use for success, including applying leadership principles to preparedness. The second session will be a train the trainer session for PPE.
- Day 2 Breakout: Attendees may choose either the Clinical Track or the Emergency Management Track. The Clinical Track will cover the same content as the first day; attendees cannot attend the Clinical Track both days. The Emergency Management Track will include an introduction to all-hazards emergency management and healthcare incident command system, developing and implementing concepts of operations, an exercise workshop and more.

There is no tuition cost for this training. Agencies that receive the Ebola Supplemental Funding through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) could cover travel expenses, lodging and meals with this funding. Previous Kansan attendees have reported that the training was very informative and enjoyable. Please contact the KDHE Preparedness Program with questions regarding approval for travel expenses. More information about the training is available in the [brochure](#). Register for the training [online](#).

Webinar - America Walks - Advancing Neighborhood Change - March 21



America Walks is hosting a webinar on advancing neighborhood change through equity and inclusion on March 21, 12 p.m. Walkability is at the cornerstone of creating neighborhoods that are vital and vibrant, allowing all members of a community to enjoy health, social and economic benefits in a variety of forms. This webinar will look at how to protect and promote the identity and culture of a community, while making room for new development and change. The webinar will feature an example of a community led equitable development plan, provide a toolkit of approaches used to prevent displacement and make sure that evolving communities remain affordable and diverse, and share how affordable housing developers have re-oriented their efforts to build whole communities, by supporting small businesses, protecting the culture of a place, and re-asserting the primacy of resident engagement and the importance of listening.

During the webinar, America Walks will share some of their recent work on the issues of gentrification and displacement. The speakers will include three people working with and in communities around the country who are tackling this challenge. Attendees will hear about research into some of the resources, techniques, and current best practices available for advocates working in this area; learn about a toolkit that provides strategies for communities that have been or may be affected by gentrification; and explore community projects that are working with these issues on a daily basis. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Webinar Series - Current Issues in Vaccines - March 22



The Vaccine Education Center (VEC) at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, together with the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, is offering a [Vaccine Webinar Series](#) for healthcare providers. The series is supported by the Thomas F. McNair Scott Endowed Research and Lectureship Fund. Each webinar within the series will present topics being addressed by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), covered by the media or asked by parents. Specific topics will be available on the registration page approximately one to two weeks before each event. Each presentation will be 40 to 45 minutes, followed by 15 to 20 minutes of audience questions. Continuing education credits are available for attendees. The next webinar in the series will be held on March 22, 11 - 12 p.m. More information on the webinar series is available on the National Association of County & City Health Officials [website](#).



Vision Screening Workshops - March 24 and May 5

The Kansas University Area Health Education Center has announced that registration is open for two Vision Screening Workshops. The workshop in Kansas City will be held on March 24; the Wichita workshop will be on May 5. The workshop is designed to provide vision screening theory and practices for nurses and other service providers in public health, schools and community work sites. Participants will be able to utilize the information and skills to perform standardized vision screening techniques for children and youth. The Vision Screening Guidelines for Infants, Toddlers, Children and Youth, June 2004, Fifth edition, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau for Children, Youth and Families will be utilized in the workshop. More information about each workshop is available [online](#) or by contacting the KU Area Health Education Center's statewide office at 620-235-4040. A registration form, online registration and a flyer about the workshop are also available [online](#).

Webinar - School-Based Interventions for Preventing HIV, STIs & Pregnancy in Adolescents: What's the Evidence - March 28



Join Amanda Mason-Jones, Senior Lecturer in Global Public Health, Faculty of Science, University of York, on March 28, 10:00 a.m., for an overview of the effectiveness of school-based interventions for preventing sexually transmitted infections, HIV and pregnancy in adolescents. To register for this webinar [click here](#).

2017 Tobacco Treatment Specialist Core Certification Training - March 28



The University of Kansas Medical Center is partnering with Healthy Communities Wyandotte to bring the highly reputable Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) training from the University of Massachusetts to Kansas. The TTS Core Training is an intensive, evidence-based training program designed for those who deliver moderate to intensive tobacco treatment services. The curriculum was designed to address a set of core competencies for tobacco treatment specialists defined by the [Association for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence](#) (ATTUD). The in-person training will be held on March 28 - 31 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Kansas City. Prior to the in-person training participants must complete a nine module online course. Fifteen scholarships are available for those who work in behavioral health settings in Wyandotte County. Questions about the program or registration can be addressed to Amanda Grodie at AGrodie@kumc.edu or 913-588-2761. Continuing education credits are available for [select disciplines](#).

NOSORH Rural Health Grant Writing Institute



Registration is now open for the next National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) Rural Health Grant Writing Institute. This is a 9-part web-based series focused on all aspects of grant writing with a special focus on rural health. Topics include documentation of need, grant budget preparation, development of evaluations, work plans and identifying sources of grant funds. This course is appropriate for State Offices of Rural Health staff and rural health partners such as rural health clinics (RHCs), critical access hospitals (CAHs), and other rural health organizations. The web-based learning sessions will occur on Thursdays, 12 - 1:30 p.m. [Registration](#) ends on March 29, but participants are encouraged to [register early](#) as class size is limited. For more information view the [brochure](#) or contact Kassie Clarke at 888-391-7258 ext.105 or kassiecc@nosorh.org.

Diversity and Inclusion Symposium: Refugees in the Health System - April 18



The University of Kansas Medical Center invites the public to attend the Diversity and Inclusion Symposium on April 18, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event will be held at the School of Nursing Auditorium and Atrium. For more information about the event or to register, please contact Alexa Smith at asmith5@kumc.edu or 913-588-2747.

Preparedness Program Develops Ebola Online Course



The Preparedness Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has developed an online course, [KDHE: Ebola and Other Infectious Diseases - Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures, Course ID# 1067247](#) to meet public health workforce competency requirements and Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Local Public Health Ebola Supplemental Grant deliverables. It will meet work plan item 5 for those who receive the grant. The course is also beneficial for new employee orientation training, or as a refresher for healthcare personnel. At the conclusion of the one hour training you will be able to apply the proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures for the Ebola virus and other infectious diseases.

Addressing Tobacco Use in Kansas: The Brief Tobacco Intervention



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Health Promotion has made a new online training available on [KS-TRAIN](#) for health care providers focusing on strategies for effectively addressing tobacco use with patients in less than 3 minutes. The online course, KanQuit!: Tobacco Intervention, [Course ID# 1063295](#), also provides health care providers with information about the Kansas Tobacco Quitline. The Kansas Tobacco Quitline is a free, state-of-the-art tobacco cessation service. Continuing education units are available upon completion of the course for a number of different health professionals.

Continuing Education Courses Available for Public Health Professionals Via KS-TRAIN



The [MMWR Weekly for December 30, 2016 - WB2526-123016](#), Course ID# 1068204

includes presentations on: Electronic Cigarette Use Among Middle and High School Students - United States, 2015 Outbreak of Salmonella Oslo Infections Linked to Persian Cucumbers - United States, and 2016 CDC Grand Rounds: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome - Advancing Research and Clinical Education. 1 CEU/CE; 1 CHES; 1 ANCC: Contact Hours Continuing Nursing Education; 1 ACCME: AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™ are available.

[Oncology Patient Navigator Training: The Fundamentals](#), Course ID # 1068179 is a 20 hour competency-based training that uses interactive web-based presentations to discuss evidence-based information and case studies to prepare patient navigators to effectively address barriers to care for cancer patients and survivors. 12 CHES credits are available at the completion of this course.

[Risk Communication](#), Course ID# 1067663, was designed for public health professionals to learn, or update their knowledge on risk communication and how to work with the media during public health emergencies. Presenters will identify tips and strategies to create message and deliver messages during times of high stress associated with public health events. Examples of how risk communication has been used during previous public health events in New Jersey will be addressed. At the conclusion of this training learners will be able to: Discuss communication challenges for the spokesperson during a crisis; Identify strategies to develop messages and deliver messages and Illustrate the role of non-verbal communication. CHES and CPHCE credits are available post completing this course.

The Region II Public Health Center has posted a series of asthma care courses on KS-TRAIN. They include, [Overview of Asthma](#), Course ID# 1065188; [Assessment of Asthma](#), Course ID# 1065189 and [Responding to an Asthma Episode in the Medical Room](#), Course ID# 1065190. Nursing continuing education credit is available.

[HCV Epidemiology in the U.S. \(Hep C Online: Screening & Diagnosis\)](#), Course ID #1067540 is an interactive lesson that is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funded National Hepatitis Training Center's [Hepatitis C Online](#), a free educational, web-based service that functions as a comprehensive resource for diagnosing, monitoring and managing Hepatitis C infection. Estimated time to complete the entire lesson is one hour. Free continuing education credits are available including nursing.

[Motivational Interviewing](#), Course ID# 1067675, is a counseling method designed to strengthen an individual's motivation for change. It has been studied and utilized extensively by a variety of health professionals to influence behavior change relating to mental health, sexual health and weight management among other conditions. Dr. Sam Wakim will review the definitions, principles and key techniques of motivational interviewing. He will also discuss how motivational interviewing in combination with caries risk assessments and self-management goals are being used to prevent dental caries. CHES and CPHCE credits are sponsored.

[Ohio Help Me Grow: Quality Improvement 101](#), Course ID# 1068728 is a 90 minute online course authored by the National Institute for Children's Health Quality. This interactive course teaches the fundamentals of quality improvement (QI) and how to use this methodology to create effective, beneficial change. Lessons and exercises go over important elements such as the model of improvement, Plan-Do-Study-Act cycles, implementation and spread. This course is just the beginnings for creating a real culture of change that fosters improvements for all. A 1.5 certificate of attendance is available for downloading.

[Asthma Care for Health Professionals: Asthma Care for Health Professionals: Tobacco and Asthma](#), Course ID# 1067732 from the Ohio Department of Health is a 60-minute presentation that discusses how exposure to tobacco smoke and affects children with asthma. It also covers the impact maternal smoking during pregnancy has on the child during childhood. The presentation will provide education to patients with asthma, guardians, care providers about avoiding secondhand and third hand tobacco smoke, and provide smoking cessation recourses. 1.25 CNE Contact Hours are available for nurses after completing this course.

[Program for Advancing Cognitive Disorders Education for Rural Staff \(PACERS\): Dementia and Delirium](#), Course ID# 1068629 is an online course from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VHA). Dementia is a major public health concern, affecting over 5 million Americans, of whom over 560,000 are Veterans. The incidence of dementia increases with age, with more than 90 percent of those affected aged over 60 years. It is one of the most costly chronic conditions that the VA treats and its financial impact is expected to grow with the increasing number of aging Veterans. Most older adults receive their medical care from primary care providers (PCPs) who are often the first to detect signs of cognitive impairment. In rural locations, specialists are not readily available, leaving assessment and management of the illness to PCPs. Clinicians in rural settings lack the educational support and professional development opportunities available to their urban counterparts. The VHA is committed to providing up to date training for its workforce to provide the highest quality healthcare for all Veterans including those with neurocognitive disorders. This course will describe two of the most common neurocognitive disorders that occur among elderly Veterans, delirium and dementia. The VHA is providing nursing, mental health, physician and other clinician continuing education credit.

Preparedness Training Opportunities Updated on KS-TRAIN



Please visit the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) training information on the [KS-TRAIN Calendar](#) or the [KDEM Training Calendar](#) for a full list of upcoming learning opportunities. New sessions for G300 and G400 have been added for March and April. New training sites include Hoisington, Wamego and Andover. Remember when you enroll in G300 and G400 courses, KDEM will be reviewing your TRAIN Transcript for listings of the Emergency Management Institute required Independent Study courses: 700, 100, 200 and 800. Click here to view [FEMA IS Completion Instructions](#).

CDC Virtual Training: Vector Control for Environmental Health Professionals



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and partners recently announced a [new virtual training](#), Vector Control for Environmental Health Professionals (VCEHP), which focuses on using integrated pest management (IPM) to control vectors that spread pathogens, including Zika virus. Nine in ten pilot testers said they would recommend this training to a colleague. The training is free, flexible, credible and practical.

The National Environmental Health Association will be offering continuing education units (CEUs) for the courses. Course topics include:

- Vector-borne diseases, IPM basics, pesticide toxicology.
- Performance assessment and improvement for your vector control program.
- Biology and control of bedbugs, ticks, rodents and mosquitoes.
- Vector control in specific locations like schools, restaurants and hotels.
- Risk management communication.

More information about the course is available [online](#), including a [recent article](#) about the training. Register for the courses [online](#).

FEMA Student ID Numbers Now Required for Independent Study and KDEM Training



Starting January 2017, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) will require all training participants to have a [FEMA Student Identification System](#) (SID) number on file in their KS-TRAIN user profile. Please see the [flyer with instructions](#) on how to get your FEMA SID and how to enter the FEMA SID into your KS-TRAIN profile. A FEMA SID is required to register for and participate in any training provided by FEMA. All FEMA training providers' registration systems and enrollment procedures require a valid FEMA SID. The FEMA SID will serve as your unique identifier and be used to maintain the record of FEMA training you attended. To register or access your FEMA SID [click here](#).

In the near future, KDEM will be using your FEMA SID as your personal identification in an effort to help you keep better track of all your trainings in one central transcript including in-state, and out-of-state trainings provided by FEMA and other approved vendors. To contact the KDEM staff call, 785-646-1412 or [email](#) Isabel Herrera.

If you have an inquiry regarding the FEMA Independent Study Program, NIMS or other EMI related requests, e.g. certificates, transcripts, & online test results, contact the FEMA Independent Study program office at 301-447-1200 or email Independent.Study@fema.dhs.gov for assistance. Please do not contact the FEMA SID Help Desk in regards to the Independent Study Program as they are unable to provide assistance with these requests.

KanCare Ombudsman Education Calls



The KanCare Ombudsman office is a free, unbiased and confidential program that uses trained community volunteers to answer questions about Medicaid and related issues. The goal is to educate and assist Kansas Medicaid members in navigating the Medicaid system and to assist in the resolution of issues they may be having with their managed care organizations (MCOs), providers, state agencies, or the KanCare Clearinghouse. In efforts to reach as many KanCare recipients and professionals working alongside KanCare recipients, the KanCare Ombudsman currently hosts Biweekly Education calls for volunteers covering KanCare programs, and Biweekly Lunch and Learn calls, covering MCO issues, KanCare changes/updates, and other relevant topics for consumers and providers. Please call 316-978-3566 for more information regarding these informative sessions. Please contact [Kerrie Bacon](#) to be added to these calls or for any further information about the Ombudsman's office or KanCare.

Let's Move! Child Care: Promoting Physical Activity in Early Childhood Education



Let's Move! Child Care is a national, web-based initiative that supports child care providers in helping kids get off to a healthy start. Participating child care providers who meet all five, Let's Move! Child Care goals can earn recognition. This training focuses on the goal to get kids moving.

After completing this training, you will be able to identify and implement best practices for promoting physical activity among the children served by an Early Childhood Education (ECE) child care center or day care home. The target audience for this training is ECE Infant Staff, ECE Preschool Staff, ECE Toddler Staff, Licensed Day Care Home and Group Day Care Home Staff, Program Director/Administrator. The child care Core Competency is Health, Safety and Nutrition Sub Area, Responding to Health Needs of Children, Level 2. This is a new free course for ECE Professionals with one clock hour credit for those that successfully complete the course. The course is available on KS-TRAIN, Child Care Centers, Course ID# 1063970 or Day Care Homes, Course ID# 1064944. For questions about the course, contact Kate Hoppe at 785-291-3583 or kate.hoppe@ks.gov.

News and Resources



Updated Recommendations Aimed at Keeping Infants Safe From SIDS

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently released a [new policy statement](#) covering [new research](#) and preventive measures that can help reduce sleep-related risks to infants. Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) rates have decreased substantially since the 1990s, thanks to the national Back to Sleep Campaign, but in recent years they have remained generally stagnant. According to the report, breastfeeding is a protective measure against SIDS as it can help the infant respond and awaken. The report also [advises parents](#) to room-share, but not bed-share, with their infants, ideally for the infants' first year. Read the full article highlighting several of the changes [online](#). The full policy statement with all nineteen recommendations is [online](#).

A Quarter of Adults in the U.S. Have Hearing Loss Because of Noise

SCIENCE OF US Sure, your weekday may be on the quieter side - especially if you spend the better part of the day typing away in a cubicle, using Slack instead of your voice to communicate with other people - but how often do you experience true, honest-to-goodness silence? Not nearly often enough, as it turns out. According to a [CDC report](#) released earlier today and highlighted by the [Washington Post](#), our lives are way, way too noisy - noisy enough, in fact, that a disconcertingly high number of Americans are losing their hearing way before old age.

CDC Seeks Controversial New Quarantine Powers to Stop Outbreaks

npr Federal health officials may be about to get greatly enhanced powers to quarantine people, as part of an ongoing effort to stop outbreaks of dangerous contagious diseases. With the new rules, the CDC would be able to detain people anywhere in the country without getting approval from state and local officials. The [new powers](#) are outlined in a set of regulations the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [recently published](#) to update the agency's quarantine authority for the first time since the 1940s. The outlined changes are being welcomed by many health lawyers, bioethicists and public health specialists as providing [important tools](#) for protecting the public.

New Federal Rules Will Require Home Health Agencies to Do Much More for Patients

KHN Home health agencies [will be required](#) to become more responsive to patients and their caregivers under the first major overhaul of rules governing these organizations in almost 30 years. The [federal regulations](#) strengthen patients' rights considerably and call for caregivers to be informed and engaged in plans for patients' care. Home health agencies will also be expected to coordinate all the services that patients receive and ensure that treatment regimens are explained clearly and in a timely fashion.

What You Need to Know About the CDC's Updated Vaccine Guidelines

CBS NEWS Roll up your sleeves, America. A national advisory panel of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [has released](#) its 2017 advisory for recommended shots affecting adults. This year's advisory revises guidance on seasonal flu shots by eliminating nasal flu vaccines and modifying flu-shot advice for people with egg allergy. It also tweaks recommendations for vaccines against [human papillomavirus](#) (HPV), hepatitis B and meningococcal disease.

Resource: CDC's Clear Communication Index



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers a tool, the [Clear Communication Index](#), that helps writers ensure their public health messages are clear. It uses a scoring system to rate the quality of the message's language and presentation. It can be used to assess any type of communication, from emails to podcasts. It is available to everyone. The Index scores 20 items and provides numerical scores for four main parts: core, behavior, numbers and risk. The scores for each section are combined into an average score; 90 or higher is considered passing.

To use the tool, click on the [widget](#) and answer the questions in the four parts. For more information on how to use the widget, view the [Clear Communication Index User Guide](#). The Index is easy to use and takes only 15 minutes to score material once you are comfortable with the process. Using this index promotes CDC's goal of improving health communication and enhancing the comprehension of public health messages. More information on the Index is available [online](#).

2017 Schedule Meetings and Conferences Impacting Local Public Health Agencies

[Click Here](#) to Access the Calendar

CDC Says Flu Vaccine is 48% Effective This Season



The flu shot has been reducing the risk of infections in the U.S. by about half this season, according to reports issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), but the season is expected to continue for several more weeks. The predominant virus strain this season is influenza A or H3N2 strain; [the estimated effectiveness of the vaccine in preventing illness caused by that strain was 43 percent](#). The vaccine's estimated effectiveness against the influenza B virus was 73 percent.

That amounts to overall protection of 48 percent, the CDC said. The CDC's interim findings are based on data from November 28, 2016, through February 4, 2017, for 3,144 children and adults who are enrolled in the U. S. Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness Network. The CDC uses information from this network to routinely estimate effectiveness of the flu vaccine as the season progresses.

Job Postings

Geary County Health Department

- [Billings Clerk](#)
- [Community Health Planner](#)
- [Licensed Practical Nurse \(LPN\)](#)
- [Health Nurse I - RN](#)
- [Student Dietetic Experience](#)

Kansas Health Matters

- [AmeriCorps VISTA](#)

Leavenworth County Health Department

- [Public Health Nurse](#)

Marion County Health Department

- [Full Time County Staff Nurse](#)

Riley County Health Department

- [Advanced Practice Registered Nurse \(APRN\)](#)
- [WIC Medical Clerk](#)

Sedgwick County Health Department

- [Senior Administrative Officer | Healthy Babies](#)
- [Community Liaison Home Visitor | Healthy Babies](#)
- [Registered Dietitian | WIC](#)

Sumner County Health Department

- [Registered Nurse I \(Part Time\)](#)



Career opportunities at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment can be found [here](#).

Kansas Department of Health and Environment Program Newsletters

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